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California Water Plan Water Quality Caucus
GROUP CHARTER

Section 1 – Mission, Activities, Importance, Methodology

Group Charge:

The California Water Plan (CWP) Water Quality Caucus will support development of *CWP Update 2013* by building on *CWP Update 2009*, and informing the project team, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, and State Agency Steering Committee of its in-depth discussions and deliberations on core water quality topics and issues. This Caucus is responsible for assisting in creating more fully formed and technically supported recommendations for incorporation in to the Update 2013. The principle purpose of this work will be to expand information about statewide and regional water quality conditions in California and better inform water quality planning, actions, and policies.

Parameters:

- ◆ The group will work within the context of existing water laws and regulations. While limitations and trade-offs to the current situation may be discussed it will not be the focus of the deliberations.
- ◆ Project deliverables will be based on best available information. No new data collection or detailed analysis will be conducted for CWP Update 2013 (i.e., data, information and analyses will be based on existing state, federal, regional, and local efforts and planning activities).

Activities:

Water Quality content and recommendations for the *CWP Update 2013* is being provided by a Multi-State Agency technical work team, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, the State Agency Steering Committee, Regional Forum participants, IRWM groups, and Water Quality Caucus members. The table below outlines the technical scope of Multi-State Agency technical work team deliverables and the Caucus team focus. The Multi-State Agency technical work team develops technical content, and the Caucus team reviews and provides input to the technical content, reviews approach, and makes policy recommendations.

Scope

Deliverables	Caucus Focus
◆ Summarize Regional Water Quality Conditions, Issues and provide Recommendations.	◆ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies.
◆ Update water quality related Resource Management Strategies and include water quality benefits associated with implementation of each Resource Management Strategy	◆ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies.

♦ Update the 2005 report titled, “Californians without Safe Water”	♦ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies.
♦ Update water quality related portions of the Strategic Plan.	♦ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies. ♦ Evaluate policy considerations and make recommendation as appropriate.
♦ Identify and inventory of Water Quality facilities and Monitoring/Assessment Databases ♦ Water Quality Index for Water Plan Update 2013	♦ Provide input as appropriate on application and presentation of data, and methodologies.

Schedule:

- ♦ Revise Work Plan per Stakeholder Input: Summer – Fall 2011.
- ♦ Form Water Quality Caucus: Summer 2011.
- ♦ Prepare Initial Draft Water Quality Content
 - Resource Management Strategies (Water Quality): Fall 2011.
 - Inventory of Water Quality facilities & Monitoring/Assessment Databases: Winter 2011/2012.
 - Regional Water Quality Conditions: Summer 2012.
 - Strategic Plan (Water Quality portion): Summer 2012.
 - Californians without Safe Water Report: Summer 2012.
- ♦ Provide Initial Water Quality Content to Editors Summer 2012.
- ♦ Release Draft Water Plan for Public Comment Winter 2012/2013.
- ♦ Final Water Plan: Fall 2013.

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